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SUBJECT: NSC RECOMMENDS 8TH ROTATION TO IRAQ; SOLDIERS
PREPARE TO DEPART

REF: ULAANBAATAR 355

Classified By: DCM Brian L. Goldbeck, for reasons 1.4(B) and (D)

¶1. (C) On June 25, Foreign Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister Davaasuren confirmed to DCM that on the evening of June 22 the National Security Council (President, Speaker and Prime Minister) had agreed to recommend to the Cabinet that Mongolia send an 8th rotation of soldiers to Iraq. Ahead of the Cabinet's endorsement of this at its regular weekly meeting on Wednesday, the Ministry of Defense worked with Embassy DAO on June 25 on the arrangements for a chartered flight to depart Ulaanbaatar early on June 30 with the 8th rotation's 130 Mongolian soldiers (note: up from 100 soldiers in the 7th rotation, in a response to increased attacks on Camp Echo, where Mongolian troops provide force protection).

¶2. (C) On June 23, the DCM reached the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Americas, Middle East and Africa Deputy Director General Mounkhou, who confirmed that the NSC had met and recommended to the NSC that the 8th rotation be approved. He expected formal notification would follow after the Cabinet meeting on Wednesday.

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